

HEALTH FACILITY CONSTRUCTION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MECHANICAL

1. Does OSHPD allow the use of refrigerant R-401A in health care facilities?

Refrigerant R-410A is not listed in 2001 California Mechanical Code (CMC), Table 11-1, however, it is listed, along with other refrigerants, in Table 11-1 of the 2007 CMC. It is anticipated that the 2007 CMC will become effective in January 2008. Until the 2007 CMC becomes effective, OSHPD will allow compliance with the refrigerants listed in 2007 CMC, Table 11-1 as an Alternate Method of Compliance. Please refer to OSHPD's final express terms for Part 4, 2007 CMC at: www.oshpd.ca.gov/FDD/Regulations/CodeInfo.htm.

2. Does OSHPD allow the use of filters with a minimum efficiency reporting value rating (MERV) based on ASHRAE Standard 52.2 – 1999, Method of Testing General Ventilation Air-Cleaning Devices for Removal Efficiency by Particle Size?

MERV ratings are not listed in the 2001 California Mechanical Code (CMC), Tables 4-B and 4-C; however, MERV ratings have been adopted in Tables 4-B and 4-C of the 2007 CMC. It is anticipated that the 2007 CMC will become effective in January 2008. OSHPD will allow compliance with Tables 4-B and 4-C of the 2007 CMC as an Alternate Method of Compliance. Please refer to OSHPD's final express terms for Part 4, 2007 CMC at: www.oshpd.ca.gov/FDD/Regulations/CodeInfo.htm.